Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Preserving our towns and countryside is an important part of historic preservation; and,

Whereas, Historic preservation is all about revitalizing neighborhoods, reviving downtowns, renewing public buildings, rejuvenating farmsteads, and fostering local pride; and,

Whereas, Historic preservation ensures that our cultural, heritage and history is kept alive through the preservation of irreplaceable buildings, landscapes, sites, and structures; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota State Historical Society collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the state's history and cultural heritage, and its state historic preservation office provides technical advice for and incentive programs on the preservation of historic properties; and,

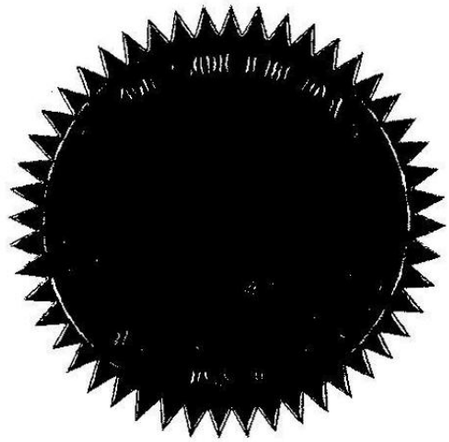
Whereas, The South Dakota State Historical Society and its partners, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Preserve South Dakota, recognize the importance of preserving our towns and countryside; and,

Whereas, It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives, and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5-12, 2003, as

PRESERVATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon the citizens of this state to join me in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State